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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIMIN MANLEY: MARIHUANA

PROBLEM AND OPERATION BUCCANEER

AT MEETING WITH PRIMIN MANLEY ON AUGUST 21
I GAVE THE PM A LETTER IN ANSWER TO ONE FROM HIM
(COMPLETE EXCHANGE BEING FORWARDED) OUTLING OUR
UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE AND CONDITIONS OF
THE UNITED STATES INPUT INTO OPERATION BUCCANEER
PLACING THE OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY SQUARELY WITH THE
GOJ, AND SETTING A CUT-OFF DATE OF DECEMBER 15. HE READ
AND HAD NO IMMEDIATE PROBLEM WITH THE LETTER. HE DID
SAY, HOWEVER, THAT HE AND MINISTER MATALON WERE HAVING
PROBLEMS WITH SOME POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE ANTI-GANJA
DRIVE REVOLVING AROUND THE LONG-ESTABLISHED AND ALMOST
SANCTIFIED SMALL PERSONAL GROWING AND USE OF THE DRUG.
THERE WAS NO DEPARTURE FROM THE DEDICATION OF THE GOJ
TO THE INTERDICTION OF THE LARGE COMMERCIAL TRADE AND
ALL THE EVILS WHICH FLOWED FROM IT, BUT THEY WERE SEARCHING
FOR SOME FORMULA WHICH COULD DRAW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN
LIMITED PERSONAL USE AND THE INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC WHICH
CAUSED BOTH OUR COUNTRIES CONCERN. HE LIKENED THE
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EFFORT TO CONTROL PERSONAL USE TO OUR PROHIBITION

EXPERIENCE WHICH CAUSED MORE PROBLEMS THAN IT SOLVED. I SAID THAT MANY PEOPLE IN THE U.S., INCLUDING LAW-ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES, WERE CONCERNED WITH THIS SAME DISTINCTION BUT THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED EXCEPT PERHAPS ON A LIMITED LOCAL BASIS. HE MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS ONLY CONSIDERING THE MATTER AND THAT HE WISHED TO DO NOTHING WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE CURRENT OPERATION. HE ASKED ME TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH MINISTER MATALON. IN CONNECTION WITH MATALON, I TOLD THE PM THAT WE COULD NOT GUARANTEE OR IN ANY WAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS SAFETY IN THE U.S. IF WE WERE NOT GIVEN ADEQUATE ADVANCE NOTICE OF HIS TRIPS AND HE DID NOT ACCEPT WHATEVER PRECAUTIONS RECOMMENDED OR PROTECTION AFFORDED. THE PM SAID THAT HE THOUGHT RECENT EVENTS SHOULD PREDISPOSE MATALON TO GREATER AMENABILITY ON THIS SUBJECT AND THAT HE WOULD TALK WITH HIM PERSONALLY. (MATALON LATER INFORMED ME HE HAD BEEN "PROPERLY CHASTISED.") I RAISED WITH MANLEY IN GENERAL TERMS SOME OF THE BUCCANER GROWING PAINS, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH HE INDICATED HIS AWARENESS THAT THE JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE AND THE CONSTABULARY HAD BEEN DRAWN "DANGEROUSLY THIN" BY REASON OF THE ANTI-CRIME AND GANJA EFFORT. GERARD

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